



Small Assisted Living Workgroup

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MEETING 1



Agenda

- ▶ Characterization and Distribution of Assisted Living Programs
- ▶ Review of HB636
- ▶ Background of Assisted Living Programs
- ▶ Initial Review of OHCQ Deficiency Data
- ▶ Voluntary Questionnaire for Small Assisted Living Programs
- ▶ Discussion
- ▶ Next Steps

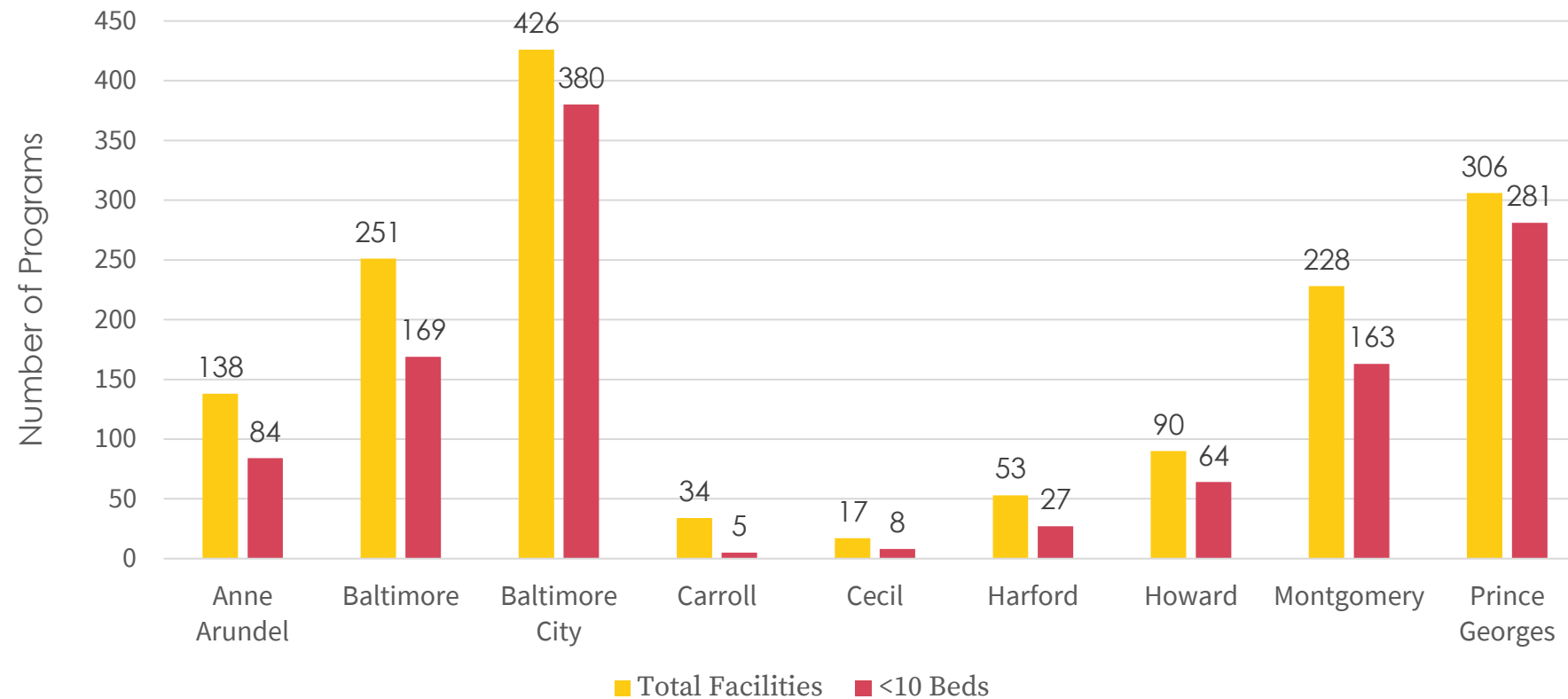


Characterization of Assisted Living Programs

- ▶ 1,709 Assisted Living programs
- ▶ 1,255 are <10 beds
- ▶ MHCC publicly reports quality information for assisted living programs with >9 beds = 27%

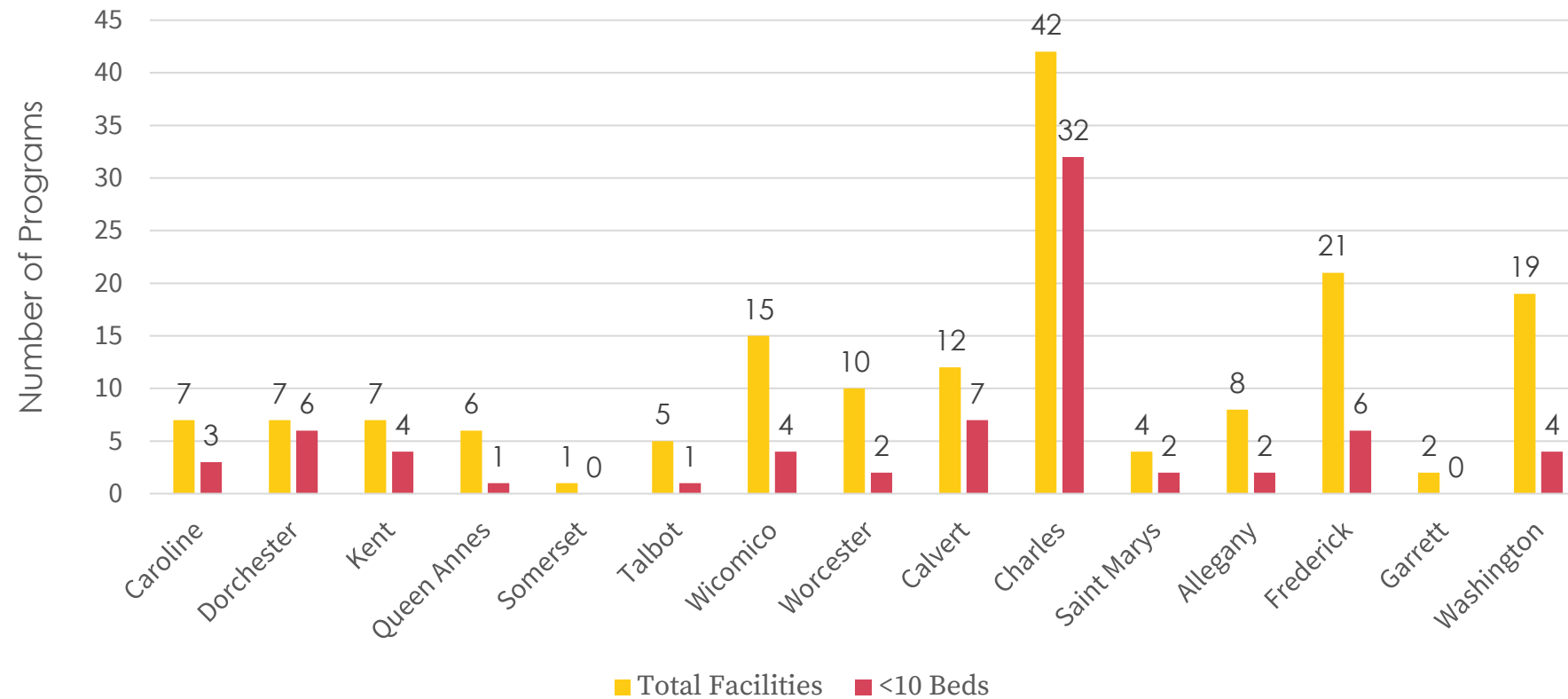


Assisted Living Programs: Central Area





Assisted Living Programs: Southern and Western Areas and Eastern Shore



Assisted Living Programs by Region



% <10 Beds		% <10 Beds		% <10 Beds	
Central	76.5%	Eastern	36.2%	Western	24.0%
Anne Arundel	60.9%	Caroline	42.9%	Allegany	25.0%
Baltimore	67.3%	Dorchester	85.7%	Frederick	28.6%
Baltimore City	89.2%	Kent	57.1%	Garrett	0.0%
Carroll	14.7%	Queen Anne's	16.7%	Washington	21.1%
Cecil	47.1%	Somerset	0.0%	Southern	70.7%
Harford	50.9%	Talbot	20.0%	Calvert	58.3%
Howard	71.1%	Wicomico	26.7%	Charles	76.2%
Montgomery	71.5%	Worcester	20.0%	Saint Mary's	50.0%
Prince George's	91.8%				



Review of Bill

- ▶ “The Maryland Health Care Commission, in consultation with the Office of Health Care Quality, the Maryland Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program, the Medicaid Administration, the Governor’s Workforce Development Board, and interested stakeholders, [is required] **to conduct a study regarding the quality of care provided by certain assisted living programs; and generally relating to a study of assisted living programs.**”
- ▶ Final Report: October 1, 2023



Review of Bill

1. Quality of Care
 - a. Conduct an analysis of deficiency data from OHCQ to identify areas where quality can be improved.
 - b. Examine the entry into and exit from the market for assisted living programs, including any noticeable trends related to inspection data or regulatory requirements.
 - c. Analyze current regulations for large, assisted living facilities, and determine if any can be applied, or applied differently, to smaller facilities.
 - d. Analyze how staffing resources could be better utilized.
2. Costs
 - a. Examine whether assisted living facilities receive sufficient reimbursement for the cost of care, including for residents with Alzheimer's and other dementia-related conditions.
 - b. Examine whether Home and Community Based Options Waiver or other waiver programs could be used or revised to improve the quality of care.
3. Emergency Reporting System
 - a. Determine whether a system for reporting on catastrophic emergencies is feasible.